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Mr. Harold M. Botkin
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Botkin:

Referring to your letter of 18 July 1955 to Mr. Dulles, this is to assure you that your Office and all government departments and agencies having a requirement will be served by our Central Radio Frequency Usage (CRFU) File to the fullest extent possible. We believe as you that this relatively new project is progressing satisfactorily and will soon be of great assistance to those concerned with frequency assignment and management problems. Also, we agree that usage information contained in our file will serve to complement data obtained from a current and controlled monitoring program.

Your views with respect to broadening the scope of CRFU File operations are most interesting. For some time it has been the considered opinion of persons close to the CRFU File that those purposes related to assignment and management problems will not be fully served by a file containing information on foreign frequency usage alone. Specifically, the purposes listed under items H and J, Paragraph 1, Annex B, NSC 169, concerning the usefulness of such a file in the selection of frequencies for new or changed assignments and the preparation of allocation studies, cannot be satisfied unless both U.S. and foreign usage information are considered. However, it is our feeling that CIA cannot be responsible for a program to provide a file of information on world wide frequency usage, since we are limited by NSC 169 to foreign coverage and our basic statute expressly forbids the Agency to engage in domestic intelligence.

If another agency can be found to maintain the records of domestic frequency usage, we would be happy to work out arrangements for a combined physical facility which would adequately meet the need you outline.

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Sincerely yours,

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